

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Union Stamping Property, 101 Porter Street Union, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 1, 2015

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 15-6328-NRP, will affect approximately one acre located at 101 Porter Street in Union, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Union County Tax Map Serial Number 073-16-18-001.000. The Housing Authority of Union, South Carolina (Housing Authority) wants to acquire the property from the current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the Housing Authority.

In the past, the property was used as a knitting mill with dye and finishing operations, and as a metal stamping facility. These past uses may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites which are properties that may have been polluted by past uses and are abandoned or underused. The Housing Authority intends to develop the property with a new Administrative Complex. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the Housing Authority to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution from past activity on the property.

DHEC will not hold the Housing Authority responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for the work they will do under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract, the Housing Authority will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, the Housing Authority will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. The Housing Authority did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, the Housing Authority will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through July 1, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Angela Gorman, Project Manager, by email at gormanak@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0929, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Angela Gorman at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.